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TO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY PARIS

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JANUARY 9,
1978 SENT SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PARM UK GW

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TRILATERAL SALT CONSULTATIONS

1. DURING COURSE OF MEETING AT FCO IN WHICH JOHN
WILBERFORCE SUGGESTED HE VISIT WASHINGTON FOR TALKS IN
JANUARY (SEPTTEL), WILBERFORCE SAID FRG DOES NOT SEEM
DISPOSED TO PUSH NOW FOR TRILATERAL SALT CONSULTATIONS.
HE NOTED THAT WHILE HMG WAS CERTAINLY PREPARED TO TAKE
PART IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS, BRITISH ALSO DID NOT WANT TO
TAKE THE LEAD IN PROMOTING THEM. THAT MIGHT CHANGE

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WHEN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY RETURNED FROM HOLIDAY LATER
THIS WEEK, BUT AT THE MOMENT THE UK WAS IN A HOLDING
PATTERN.

2. WILBERFORCE ADDED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, UK WOULD WANT
A BILATERAL EXCHANGE--OF THE SORT HE WISHED TO PURSUE
IN WASHINGTON--BEFORE ANY TRILATERAL MEETING OCCURRED.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT BONN AND PARIS.

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